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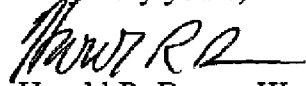
Message:

Dear Mr. Buckle,

Attached for discussion is a proposed claim amendment to address the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, along with some sketches illustrating the operation of the primary prior art reference, USP 6,584,738 to Andra et al., to demonstrate what is considered to be an important structural distinction, i.e., the lack of a "positive fit" as defined in the present application in the prior art structure.

I look forward to meeting with you and your supervisor on Monday, July 27, at 1:00. Please let me know if it is necessary to change that time.

Very truly yours,


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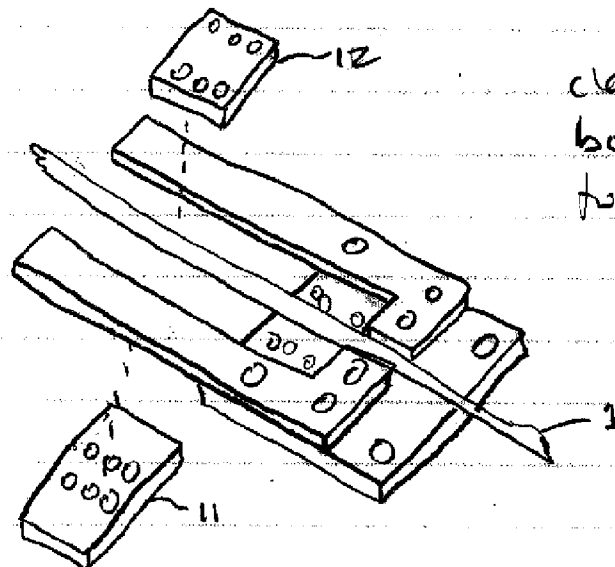
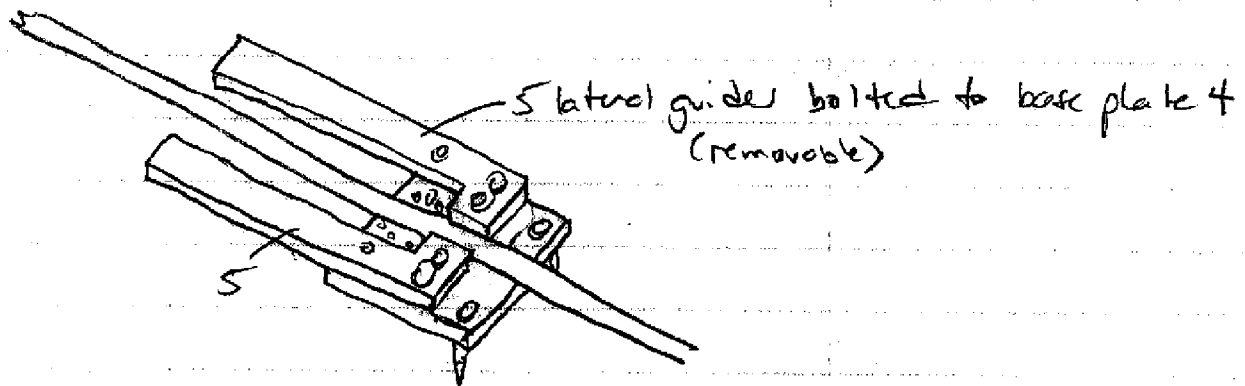
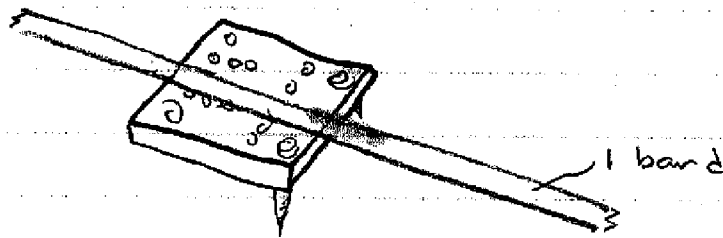
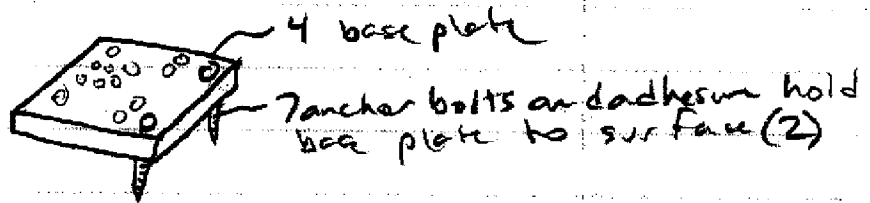
Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An anchoring for a strip-shaped traction ~~element~~ elements on a supporting structure that is under tension, comprising a base plate attached to the supporting structure and a clamping plate clamped against the base plate and fixed by adhesion and clamping, wherein the clamping plate is supported on the base plate in a positive fit in a direction of a traction force of the traction element substantially parallel to a surface of the supporting structure.
2. (Previously Presented) An anchoring according to Claim 1, wherein the clamping plate, on either side of the traction element, comprises, in each case, a downwardly protruding securing tappet which engages, in each case, a securing recess of the base plate.
3. (Previously Presented) An anchoring according to Claim 1, wherein the clamping plate exhibits, on either side, in each case, a securing protrusion which is supported, in each case, against a stop that is connected with the base plate.
4. (Previously Presented) An anchoring according to Claim 1, wherein the clamping plate, with its front surface facing in the direction of the traction force, is supported against two stops that are connected with the base plate.
5. (Previously Presented) An anchoring according to Claim 4, wherein the stops on the base plate are welded-on push blocks.

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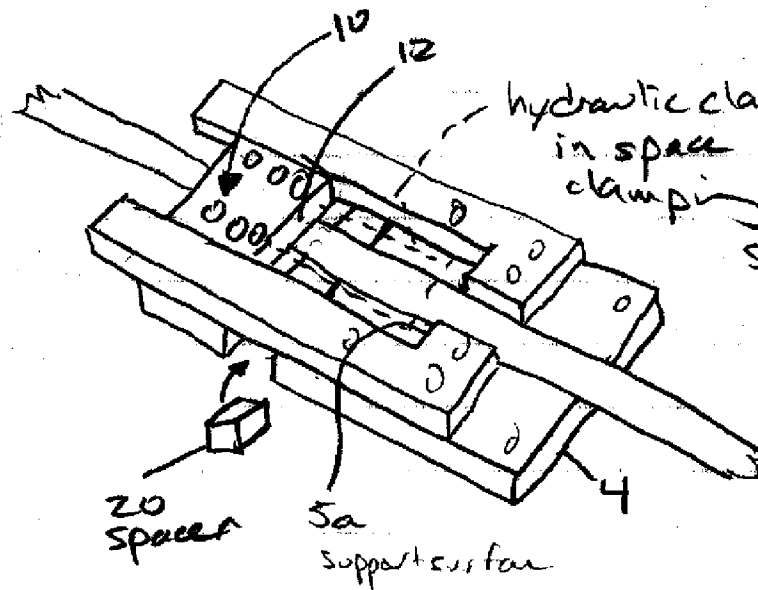
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clamping plate 12 and lower plate 11 bolted together around band 1 to form clamping slide 10

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hydraulic clamping device ¹⁴ inserted
in space between face of
clamping plate 12 and a
support surface 5a
of the guides 5
(see FIG. 1 & 4)

By actuating
clamping device,
band 315 prestress

- Once desired stress level reached spaces 20 inserted between facing abutment surfaces of the clamping plate 4 and the clamping slide 10.
- The hydraulic clamping device 14 is then removed.
- The clamping anchor plate 21 is then inserted where the device 14 was and is secured to the clamping plate 4 with bolts 22 and adhesive (see FIG 2).

- The hydraulic clamp is then removed

- The clamping anchor plate 21 is then inserted where the drive 14 was and is secured to the clamping plate 4 with bolts 22 and adhesive (see FIG 2)

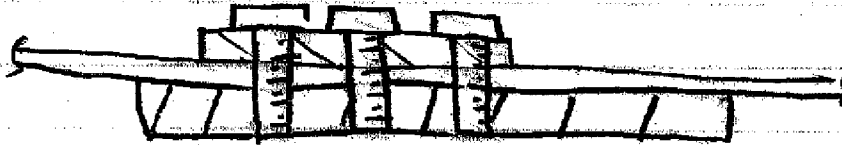
NO POSITIVE FIT

- Guide 5 and clamping slide 10 removed.

ONLY CONNECTION BETWEEN PLATES 4, 11, OR 5
AND 21 IS BOLTS 22 AND ADHESIVE

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